modernisation of TISCO is the prime concern of the Steel Ministry and the Cabinet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) TISCO being a private company, Planning Commission is not involved in its modernisation programmes, except as a member of the official level Steel Development Fund Management Committee Chaired by Steel Secretary.

Shortage of wagons in CIL

1452. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COAL- be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) is unable to meet its coal movement target to different State Electricity Board in view of the shortage of wagons; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to assist Coal India Limited for improving the movement of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Though Coal India Limited (CIL) has been facing shortages in wagon si;pply in certain specific coalfields, it has been able to achieve the targeted levels of supply to the power sector during the 1st quarter of 1995-96 (i.e., from April-June, 1995). During this period the despatches of. coal to power sector from CIL sources had been 39.88 million tonnes as against the target of 39.12 million tonnes, thus achieving 102% of targeted supply.

(b) The matter has been taken up with the Railways to increase supply of wagons to the required levels.

Imbalance in Growth of Tea Industry

1453. SHRI BHAGWAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing imbalance in the growth of tea industry in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the performance of tea industry in terms of production export has been assessed;

(d) if so, the details* in this regard during the last three years; and

(e) the specific steps taken/proposed to be taken for the adequate growth in the production and export of tea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) While production of tea in the country has registered 1.52% growth rate during the last one decade, there has been a decline in volume of exports of tea in recent years. However, export earnings, from tea during this period have registered a growth of 1.86%.

Reasons for decline in exports during these years have been lower imjports by Russia & CIS countries on account of their internal economic problems; lower imports of tea by Iran, Egypt and Saudi Arabia; and competition from other tea producing countries.

Data indicating production and export of tea during Hhe last* 3 years is as follows:

Qty. Mn. Kgs.

Val. Rs. crores

Year	Prod.	Export	
		Qty.	Val.
1992	732.32	174.96	995.33
1993*	758.06	175.32	1161.36
1994*	743.78	146.46	900.68

(e) In order to increase production, Tea board has been operating various developmental schemes. The Board has also prepared a perspective plan to increase production of tea which includes short term measures such as optimisation of inputs and improved agricultural practices; medium term measures such as*

improvement of irrigation and drainage, rejuvenation, pruning and infilling; and long term measures such as replanting and extension planting Jby bringing new areas under tea.

Ste^s taken to boost exports of tea include promotional compaigns through Tea Board's offices abroad. These consist of (i) participation in trade fairs/ exhibitions; (ii) media campaigns to increase consumer awareness of various unique characteristics of Indian tea; (iii) media campaigns to popularise Indian tea through the Tea Board marketing symbol; and (iv) support to various foreign brands containing Indian tea. A part of the expenditure incurred by importers on promotional campaigns is met from the Tea Board's budget. Tea Board has also undertaken Darjeeling and. Assam Logo campaign in U.K. and brand promotion schemes abroad to popularise classic Indian teas.

Micro-level participatory planning and development

1454. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN *L* SHAH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for the implementation of the scheme of micro-level participatory planning and development involving people and voluntary organisations;

(b) if so, what are the details and what progress has so far been made in this regard;

(c) how much funds have been allocated for the impementation of the scheme and what are the -details of funds which have been utilised and which remain to be utilised and what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have so far been taken by the States and voluntary organisations to implement the scheme?

*Estimated and subject to revision.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE - MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) An outlay of Rs. One crore has been provided in the Annual Plan 1995-96 for implementing the scheme. Utilisation of funds and steps to implement the scheme are linked to decision regarding implementation of the scheme.

फालतू तथा प्रति व्यक्ति अनाज की उपलब्धता की समस्याओं के संबंध में अर्थशास्त्रियों के सुझाव

1455. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :**

श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल :

क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ अर्थवित्तओं के अधिक/फालतू अनाज की समस्या तथा प्रति व्यक्ति खाद्यान्न उपलब्धि की समस्या से निपटाने के लिए सुझाव दिए है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और सरकार इन सुझावों पर क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजित सिंह) : (क) और (ख) अर्थवेत्तओं की पहचान के संबंध में विवरण और उनके सुझावों के अभाव में प्रश्न में मांगी गई सूचना उपलब्ध कराना संभव नहीं है । इस विभाग को इस विषय पर किसी विख्यात अर्थवेत्ता से सुझाव प्राप्त नहीं हुए हैं ।

Identification of child labour

1456. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the state-wise details of the Child labour identified, released and rehabilitated in various parts of the country after the implementation of the plan of action titled "Identification Release and Rehabilitation of Child Labour" by the National Authority for the Elimination of Child Labour?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA^: The National Authority for " Elimination of Child Labour has identified 100 districts (list